

Syria came to the Greater Detroit to share in the American Dream, an opportunity for their families to freely observe their faith and access their full potential. When they arrived, they joined the American work force and began the hard work necessary to secure a brighter future for their children. As an important part of establishing their community and families in their new homeland, they founded the St. George Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America in 1913. Just a short time later, the parishioners of St. George laid the cornerstone for their church in Detroit.

Named in honor of the Great Martyr George, a staunch defender of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian faith, the Church has been an integral part of the community, allowing its members to continue their traditions and pass them along to future generations. Over the course of its existence, the sanctuary of St. George has called several different sites in the Greater Detroit area home in an effort by its leaders to house an ever expanding congregation. As the congregation has prospered, it has undertaken many different outreach initiatives, designed to support new congregation members and the broader Southeast Michigan community.

Under its current leader, Reverend Joseph Antypas, the congregation of St. George has continued to thrive and moved its current home in Troy in 1994. In 2005, to better serve the community, the leaders of St. George oversaw the construction of a youth education and activities center that will allow younger church members to fully explore and develop their abilities. Furthermore, the Church has been instrumental to its members' continued welfare as our nation has faced the challenges of a difficult economy. It is a testament to the strength of the congregation of St. George that its members will also be celebrating the burning of the mortgage for its current home in Troy while they are celebrating its centennial.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to again congratulate Reverend Antypas, as well as the other leaders, and congregation of St. George Orthodox Church on achieving this great milestone in their community and in the celebration of their faith. I know St. George will continue to serve its members and community well and I wish its leaders and congregation success in their future endeavors.

SOUTH NASHVILLE ALL-STARS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, Tennessee is home to many young talents. Whether in the music, technology, health care, or artistic communities, America's youth find success. I'm please today to rise and add one more group to the list of outstanding young talent: baseball players.

The South Nashville All-Stars headed earned their place in the World Series with a 5–3 win over Henrico, VA in the southeast region final. While they did not leave the Series with the title, they returned home to Middle Tennessee to fans, friends, and family all proud of their outstanding accomplishments.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating the hard work, perseverance, and

dedication of: Austin Kasick #14, Ben Pickman #32, Blake Kirchenbauer #3, Blake Money #15, Bricen Russell #23, Christopher McElvain #7, Connor Smith #13, Knox Preston #24, Robert Hassell #9, Tanner Morgan #1, Trae McLemore #21, and Zane Denton #25.

I join with their friends, parents, coaches, and supporters in celebrating their wonderful season.

IN SUPPORT OF OAKLAND COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Oakland County Young Republicans of Michigan, who like so many organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

Mr. Speaker, these truly American patriots of every cultural, religious and ethnic background have found a common cause in fighting back today's proliferating big government rules and regulations imposed by costly bloated government bureaucracies who are accountable to no one at the expense of individual rights.

They are God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans who desire nothing more than to rein in big government's tendency toward excessive coercion and the insidious spread of government overreach. They question when the validity of laws and morality contradict each other. They desire nothing more than the extension of individual freedom in a Democracy that attaches all possible value to citizens rather than making each citizen a mere agent, a mere number; a Democracy that seeks equality in Liberty rather than in restraint and servitude.

Mr. Speaker, there is a great political awakening taking place in our country today. The roots of which are solid stock and American made, they are visionary individuals who understand the moral foundations of a Constitutional Republic, the benefits of free markets, and individual liberty. May they continue to strive valiantly and dare greatly.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few short minutes to give this testimony in support of a truly American organization.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHOWCHILLA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Chowchilla Elementary School District as they celebrate their 100-year anniversary. Chowchilla Elementary School District is comprised of four elementary schools and one middle school: Stephens Elementary, Fuller Elementary, Reagan Elementary, Fairmead Elementary, and Wilson Middle. For the past 100 years, Chowchilla Elementary School District has provided students with an excellent education that promotes high academic performance, personal responsibility, and respect for oneself and others.

In 1913, Chowchilla Grammar School was built. Several years later, due to the growing community, two additional classroom wings were added to the building. In 1949, numerous additions were made to the school, including a new office, restrooms and classrooms. Today, this building is now Stephens Elementary School.

In 1949, Merle L. Fuller Elementary School was established. Ronald Reagan Elementary School was completed in 2008 due to the land that was granted to Chowchilla Elementary School District in 2003 from C&R Holdings, LTD. Over a hundred years ago, students at Fairmead Elementary School were taught in a large warehouse in Fairmead, California. In 1913, a school building was completed, and in 1964, Fairmead Elementary School joined the Chowchilla Elementary School District. Wilson Grammar School was constructed in 1920, but was burned down years later. It was rebuilt in 1940, and is currently the location of Wilson Middle School.

The Chowchilla Elementary School District serves a diverse group of students. Every school district has its own challenges, but the administrators and teachers at Chowchilla Elementary School District are dedicated to providing their students with a quality education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chowchilla Elementary School District during their 100-year anniversary. We must thank all the administrators, faculty, and staff that provide students in the Central Valley with a quality education.

90 YEARS OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS NOON LIONS CLUB

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 90 years of extraordinary service by the Georgetown, TX Noon Lions Club. Throughout their history, the Club has helped where help is needed—in their own communities and around the world—with unmatched integrity and energy.

Founded in 1923, the Georgetown Noon Lions Club has made a real difference in Central Texas. They've provided generous scholarships to deserving high school seniors.